

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

What Is Claimed Is:

1. (Currently Amended) An image supporting member that fixable supports a color toner image containing at least a thermoplastic resin and a colorant, the image supporting member comprising:

a base material;

a light scattering layer formed on a first surface of the base material and containing a white pigment and a thermoplastic resin; and

a color toner receiving layer formed on the light scattering layer and containing at least a thermoplastic resin,

wherein the thermoplastic resin of the light scattering layer is made of a polyolefin or a polyolefin copolymer, a temperature T at which the melt viscosity becomes  $5 \times 10^3$  Pa·s being 120°C or higher, and

the thermoplastic resin of the color toner receiving layer is a polyolefin copolymer, a temperature t at which the melt viscosity becomes  $10^3$  Pa·s being from 90 to 120°C.

2. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the base material is a raw paper whose basis weight is from 100 to 250 gsm.

3. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the light scattering layer contains from 20 to 40% by weight of a white pigment.

4. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the thickness of the light scattering layer is from 20 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .
5. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the color toner receiving layer contains at least 80% by weight of the  
thermoplastic resin.
6. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the thickness of the color toner receiving layer is from 5 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .
7. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the polyolefin copolymer is an ethylene-acrylic acid or ethylene-acrylic ester  
copolymer, and a copolymerization ratio of acrylic acid or an acrylic acid ester is from 4 to 10  
mol%.
8. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein the color toner receiving layer contains from 3 to 15% by weight of inorganic  
fine particles.

9. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 8,  
wherein the inorganic fine particles are titanium dioxide or silica having a size of from 8 to 200 nm.
10. (Currently Amended) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein a reinforcing layer made of a polyolefin or a polyolefin copolymer is formed on a second ~~the back~~ surface of the base material.
11. (Currently Amended) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein an antistatic layer is formed on at least one of the first and second ~~top surface~~ ~~and the back surface~~ of the base material.
12. (Original) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein a gelatin layer is formed between the light scattering layer and the color toner receiving layer.
13. (Currently Amended) The image supporting member according to claim 1,  
wherein in the thermoplastic resin of the color toner image, a polyester or styrene-acrylic resin, a temperature  $t'$  at which the melt viscosity becomes  $10^4$  Pa·s being  $t \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$ , is used as a main component.

14. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image supporting member that fixable supports a color toner image containing at least a thermoplastic resin and a colorant;

an image forming unit that forms the color toner image on the image supporting member;  
and

a fixing device that fixes the color toner image formed by the image forming unit on the image supporting member,

wherein the image supporting member includes:

a base material;

a light scattering layer formed on the base material and containing a white pigment and a thermoplastic resin; and

a color toner receiving layer formed on the light scattering layer and containing at least a thermoplastic resin,

the thermoplastic resin of the light scattering layer is made of a polyolefin or a polyolefin copolymer, a temperature  $T$  at which the melt viscosity becomes  $5 \times 10^3$  Pa·s being  $120^\circ\text{C}$  or higher, and

the thermoplastic resin of the color toner receiving layer is a polyolefin copolymer, a temperature  $t$  at which the melt viscosity becomes  $10^3$  Pa·s being from  $90$  to  $120^\circ\text{C}$ .

15. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 14,

wherein the fixing device comprises a fixing member that nips and adheres the image of the image supporting member, a heat-pressing unit that heat-presses the color toner image on the image supporting member and a cooling and separating unit that cools the heat-pressed color toner image and separates the image from the fixing member.